

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the revised minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, November 3, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

A plaque was presented to Volunteer Firefighter Robin Pufahl by Chief Andy Bacidore on behalf of the LaSalle Fire Department and the City of LaSalle recognizing Mr. Pufahl for his thirty years of service. Mayor Grove expressed his appreciation as well. Many members of the Fire Department were present.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of AT&T to break ground at the existing pedestal on the southeast corner of Industrial Road and Civic Road directional bore north 70' then east 240' in the right of way, turning north for 40' placing (1) 4" HDPE for a total of 350' ending on the customer's property to provide communication cable.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the request by Mark Voss and the First State Bank of Elgin to rescind prior preliminary plat in regard to prior planned unit development involving premises commonly known as an approximate 6 acre, more or less, parcel on the southwestern portion of premises formerly known as part of the Frontier Lodge premises (including three townhouse buildings and other property) in the vicinity of the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 178 and Route 80 to the Planning Commission.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the request of Mark Voss and the First State Bank of Elgin for approval of preliminary and potentially final plan and/or plat of subdivision regarding premises in the vicinity of the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 178 and Route 80 to the Planning Commission. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for August 2014 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,440,896.09 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$3,831,497.36. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for September 2014 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$2,053,472.88 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$4,631,220.89. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for October 2014 showing total fees collected of \$6,690.43 and total value of construction \$353,252. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for October 2014 showing total fees collected of \$11,707.40. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for October 2014 totaling \$20,831.85. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for August 2014 of \$79,405.26 and referendum approved sales tax of \$33,382.58 for a total of \$112,787.84. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Tax Levy as part of the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the motion amended by Alderman Duncan to include that the hearing be scheduled for December 9, 2014 if the City cannot meet the statutory notice requirements.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Action on ordinance authorizing Franchise Agreement with Comcast will be addressed at the December 2, 2014 council meeting. Alderman Duncan inquired whether Comcast pays a Franchise Fee to any other communities. Attorney McPhedran indicated that he is currently looking into what other communities have set up. Attorney McPhedran will also check how the

Franchise Fees on customer's bills are calculated, as Alderman Duncan noticed the percentage is more than 5%. Brief discussion followed.

Superintendent Bumgarner explained that the original project scope for Phase II at Rotary Park called for street lighting only. However, at this time when looking at future expansion, it is his recommendation that the council approve the change order allowing for electrical service sufficient enough to accommodate all the baseball fields, future concession stands and any festivals or events that may be held in the park. Finance Director John Duncan wanted the council to be aware that this expenditure was not budgeted. He reviewed possible options, including using donations made through the Rotary Park Foundation or apply through the TIF fund to see if this expense would qualify but he could not guarantee this would happen.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve Resolution 201418 and pay and place on file Change Order #3 from John Pohar and Sons for Rotary Park Phase II totaling \$40,255.11 and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

**Resolution 201418- a
resolution approving
Change Order #3 from
John Pohar & Sons, Inc.
for the LaSalle Rotary Park
Phase II project.**

Alderman Bacidore questioned as to why the City was repairing sidewalks on the south side of the former Kaskaskia Hotel when the building is in disrepair. He also inquired as to who was paying for the project. Mayor Grove explained that the City will incur the costs of repairing the sidewalk which is approximately \$19,000 not including payroll expense for City workers. The Mayor indicated it is the usual procedure for City crews to remove sidewalk. In addition, he added that the greatest concern for the decision to repair the sidewalk was public safety which if left unrepaired could create liability exposure for the City. Mayor Grove indicated that he spoke to Mr. Carus and it was agreed that the City would seek reimbursement when and if that was possible. The Mayor acknowledged that the building is in unacceptable condition and that the City has been patient but it is time to get moving. Alderman Bacidore inquired if anyone has shown interest in the building and what we are doing about this issue. Mayor Grove stated that we will let the system work and we will continue to issue violations as warranted. Building Inspector Chris Covert informed the council that Mr. Carus has been mailed and hand delivered letters to his business and the Kaskaskia Foundation indicating that the building is now considered a vacant building with numerous violations.

Alderman Demes questioned the reason for the sewer odor on First Street, specifically between Marquette and Joliet Streets and at the corner of First and Bucklin. The Mayor explained some of it is an issue with a lack of rain. City Engineer Brown will investigate some possible solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Bumgarner explained that in further consideration of the Fehr Graham proposal relating to the Water System Needs Study that it makes sense to move forward with the second portion of the proposal which is the System Analysis and Report. There are some funding sources

becoming available soon, therefore it would make sense to have projects in place which could possibly qualify for this funding. Fehr Graham has offered to defer payment to them for this portion of the project in order for it to be included in the budget and appropriation ordinance for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Demes authorizing Agreement and Order for Professional Services with Fehr Graham for the Water System Improvements Study System Analysis and Report. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2523: an ordinance authorizing Agreement and Order for Professional Services with Fehr Graham for the Water System Improvements Study System Analysis and Report

Mayor Grove thanked residents for sending in the CDAP surveys as well as City Staff and Don Aleksy for the extra work collecting and assembling the surveys. Mayor announced the winners of the four \$100 Gift Certificates; they are Betsy Klabel, Michelle Walker, Gerald Stebbins and Amy Latty.

Mayor Grove announced leaf pick-up will end on Wednesday, November 26, 2014. Mayor Grove thanked the City Crews for the great job on the leaf pick-up. In addition, he thanked Manuela Booker for decorating City Hall and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The last day for Yard Waste pick-up is December 1, the Rotary Park Lighting Display begins on Friday, November 28, 2014.

COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Superintendent Bumgarner stated that salt has arrived and the City is prepared if bad weather begins.

Brian Brown said the Lincoln Avenue Sanitary Sewer project began today. The main line and connections on the north side and John's North Star will be done at this time, with the connections on the south side being done in the spring.

7:43p.m. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c) 1-3, 5, 6, and 11 thereof.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

8:20 p.m. Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to exit Executive Session and return to regular session.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$779,709.36 (Total Payroll \$170,861.50, Bills to be Paid \$110,901.81, Total Bills Paid \$497,946.05) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:22 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carrie Brown", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Carrie" and last name "Brown" clearly distinguishable.

Carrie Brown, City Clerk